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MALAMALA - LET US UPHOLD AND SPREAD ABROAD THE LIGHT!

THE CAROLINA MYSTERY

by
Vincent H. Gaddis

In the early morning hours of July 24, 1948, two Eastern Air Line pilots sighted a "space ship" about twenty miles southwest of Montgomery, Ala. The construction, of large size, was headed southwest. Wide newspaper publicity was given this report.

It has occurred to the writer, and has been suggested to him by others, that the large number of alleged space ships observed in the Carolinas and surrounding States in past years, plus the occurrence of other phenomena, imply that a secret base of some sort may exist in the Appalachian chain in this region. Mysterious lights, sounds and "angels" noticed around Bald and Brown, Carolina's twin mountains of mystery, add weight to this suggestion.

A list of strange sky phenomena, taken from Fortean records, follows:

Parkersburg, W. Va., July, 1878 -- opaque substance in the sky resembling a white horse.

Darlington, S. C., May, 1888 -- a large serpent in the sky, emitting a hissing sound, with no visible means of propulsion.

Over States of Virginia, North and South Carolina, December, 1893 -- a luminous body, passing from west to east, described as an enormous wheel of brilliant white light. Emitted a noise. At one time hovered stationary for twenty minutes.

Sisterville, W. Va., April, 1897 -- a luminous object, flashing red, white and green lights, coming from the northwest. "An examination with strong glasses left an impression of a huge cone-shaped arrangement 180 feet long, with large fins on either side." (A similar cone-shaped object over Kentucky cost the life of a National Guard flier early this year.)

Huntington, W. Va., January, 1910, -- three huge lights in the sky of uniform dimensions. Thirteen days later, report from Chattanooga, Tenn., "Thousands saw the craft and heard the chug of its engine." Soon after, another report from Huntsville, Alabama, 75 miles away. Another report from Chattanooga, "For the third successive day a mysterious white aircraft passed over Chattanooga about noon. It came from the north, and was traveling southeast, disappearing over Missionary Ridge. On Wednesday it came south, and on Thursday it returned north."

Huntington, W. Va., July, 1916 -- "a formation having the shape of a dirigible"- luminous, two degrees long and half a degree wide. Seen also in Jacksonville, Fla.

Off the Carolina coast, July, 1937, a British steamer reported lights of apparent craft crossing the Atlantic. No flight scheduled at the time. Point was 500 miles from shore, and lights were headed east.

Morganton, N. C., near Brown Mountain, June, 1945. Mysterious craft, tubular in shape, shiny, gleaming as if covered with aluminum, with a blue flame spurting from its tail, traveling northwest. Vanished in the mountains near Lake James.

Wilmington, N. C., August, 1946 -- ball of fire in the sky moving north. Fifteen minutes later it was observed over Durham, headed back south.

Brown Mountain, in Burke County, N. C., has been the scene of mysterious lights for over a century. All investigations have failed to reveal a probable explanation, and one Government investigation came to naught. The lights are small, often hover for long periods, and retreat or vanish when approached.

Southwest of Brown Mountain, in adjoining Rutherford County, is Old Rumbling Bald Mountain, near Lake Lure and famed Chimney Rock. It is the scene of mysterious sounds and rumblings which began in 1874, frightening away most of the residents in the village at its base. A landslide followed. Four years later the sounds began again, and have continued on and off ever since. Today a visitor can stand on the peak and plainly hear the vibrations coming from deep in the interior of the mass. Scientists believe that the sounds are caused by boulders falling from the tops of caves below the mountain. Sounds of unknown origin are heard, also, in the Linville Caverns north of Rumbling Bald.

But Rumbling Bald has a stranger and earlier history that was discovered by accident by the writer. Several years ago I acquired an old library containing several books well over a century old. One of them is entitled "The Wonders of Nature and Providence," published about 1830, and it is a mine of curious and forgotten information. In it is a long, detailed account of an observation made by a number of witnesses living near the mountain in August, 1806.

Briefly, the story is as follows: First observation was made about 6 P.M. on the evening of July 31, 1806. The witnesses "discovered a very numerous crowd of beings, resembling the human species, but could not discern any particular members of the human body, nor distinction of sexes; they were of every size, from the tallest men down to the least infants; there were more of the small than of the full-grown; they were all clad with brilliant white raiment, but none could describe any feature of the raiment; they appeared to rise off the side of a mountain south of Chimney Rock, and about as high; a considerable part of the mountain's top was visible above this shining host; they moved in a northern direction, and collected about Chimney Rock.

"When all but a few had reached the rock two seemed to rise together; and behind them, about two feet, a third rose. These three moved with great haste toward the crowd, and had the nearest resemblance to men of any before seen. Others followed, rising and moving swiftly in the same order and direction."

The appearance lasted for some time, in fact until darkness closed in. By this time there were many witnesses, as news of the vision had spread. One man, a Mr. Siercy, who viewed the phenomenon and later gave an account of it to the Raleigh Register and State Gazette, said that he "saw more glittering white appearances of human kind than ever he had seen of men at any general view; that they were of all sizes, from that of men to infants; that they moved in throngs round a rock near Chimney Rock, about the height of Chimney Rock, and moved in a semi-circular course, between him and the mountain, to the place where Mrs. Reaves (the first witness) said they rose.

"Two, of a full size, went before the general crowd, about the space of twenty yards; and, as they respectively came to this place, they vanished out of sight, leaving a solemn and pleasing impression on the mind, accompanied with a dimunition of bodily strength."

This last observation is curious, suggestive of materialization. The witnesses were, as near as can be decided, about two miles from the shining beings. Although view of the figures continued until darkness, many of them vanished suddenly at one point before then, as stated above. In all, these reports point to a definite mystery in the Carolinas, perhaps similar to that of Mt. Shasta in California and other localized areas where strange things occur.

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AN OUTLINE OF THE METATRONIC THEORY *

by

JOHN HILLIARD

The following is a brief and condensed outline of the "Theory of the Metatron." This theory is an attempt to apply the concepts of physical science to the evidences of spiritistic data and the "other plane" concepts of occultism.

The theory of the Metatron has been set up in such a way as to allow an eventual mathematical interpretation, a work which is now in preparation. That is, such concepts as the quanta, relativity, the principle of uncertainty, wave mechanics etc., all basically mathematical, have been drawn on as descriptive sources.

I have so far endeavored to express these ideas as descriptive theory, covering the occult claim that 'thoughts are things', that there are other than physical planes , hence other than physical materials, as well as objects having existence on more than one plane. That is, we try to avoid being dogmatic. We don't want to say that our theory actually describes the thing in itself, though sometimes we may seem to do so. We wish to describe properties and the interrelationship of these properties. Just as Ohm the simple laws of electrical current without knowing electricity as a thing in itself. The theory has grown to considerable proportions, asit has application to nearly every branch of psychic science. So in order to convey some idea as to the nature of the theory itself, we give the following rather brief outline of the "planes" of Nature as we divide them, remembering that this division is arbitrary, as any division must be in a universe of matter that is not divided in any sense.

From occult science we choose those planes of being from the mental to the physical, that is, from the world of concrete thought to the dense physical world, and postulate for this stretch of the cosmos a fundamental particle of energy which we call a metatron. By study and observation of the properties of mind and consciousness, as given in many occult works, the communicators of the Mark Probert seances, other spiritistic seances, and modern psychology, we can attribute to this particle a 'property of combination' which allows us to set up divis - ions of matter into elements. Each plane will have its group of elements in the same way that the physical elements fall into periodic groups.

Not so many years ago there were thought to be but ninety-two basic physical elements. Nuclear physics has inserted isotopes so there are now 238-odd divisions, many of which are unstable and last for only a fraction of a second, while some are completely stable and endure indefinitely.

We carry this divisioning of material into periodic groups up through the stretch of the cosmos selected. For the present, until research shows differently, there will be 92 more-or-less elements in each of four planes - the physical, the etheric, the astral, and the mental (the division being arbitrary and for analytical convenience).

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* This article was designed originally for Flying Roll, now discontinued - hence the unusally wide right-hand margins).

In the physical periodic table of elements the lightest are gases, some are liquid, many are solids. When these various elements are com - bined their state is often changed; for example, when hydrogen is burned with Oxygen, water results - two gases form a liquid.

The same characteristics are allowed for the elements of the other three planes. Hence in each plane in itself we have solid, liquid, and gaseous states of their respective elements.

All this is accomplished in any plane by the orbital arrangement and number of the electrons constituting the atoms. This means that in each plane the electron differs from the electrons of other planes, the variation following a periodic pattern.

Just as the electrons in their number and arrangement in an atom determine the atom's elemental character; so the metatron determines by its number and arrangement the 'plane' character of the electron, proton etc.

On the basis of the above idea the 'planes' fall into four states each - solid, liquid, gas, and electric, or (as I prefer to call it) the electronic phase.

I think the electronic phase is the 'where' the four planes join and influence one another. In the electronic phase of each plane, elec- trical properties are ascribed to its elements. Thus we have some dia - lectric substance, some which conducts electric current, electrolytic materials, and magnetic materials, as well as currents, resistance, volt- age, magnetic fields, electrostatic fields, and electromagnetic radia - tions. For example, in the mental plane choose the substance occupying the place of copper in the periodic structure of the plane, and we have an element that will conduct the electrical energy of the mental plane. That may not be the same as, or identical in properties with a physical electric current, but we can ascribe to it current properties, of volt - age and resistance and frequency, with a magnetic field of the mental order which is related in a certain way to the current. And so on for each of the four divisions of the 'material universe'.

Now, we have a material universe, subdivided into four planes,each with similar periodic division of the elements, each with electromagnetic properties. In our study of this theory we will find that the properties of these planes are related to each other. For instance, in the physical brain we find electro-chemical energy used in its activity. Thought, that is, conscious mentation, is conceived to be an electro-magnetic activity in the mental-brain mechanism which consists of mental elements, namely, the mind. These two electrical activities are interrelated, so that what we observe as an electric impulse in the physical brain, is not a simple physical electric impulse, but a complex of several orders of elec- trical energy.

To lay out the terms of this problem, that is, to find the relation- ship of these orders of electrical energy, we first assume a material universe as a continuum. We shall call it the major continuum. It is multi- dimensional. Each of the four planes is then a minor continuum. These are, in a geometrical sense, three- dimensional. Now we can set up, as is done in the theory of relativity, 'reference frames', one major, four minor, and then work out the relationship of the properties of materials in the

minor frames with respect to each other, andin each with respect to the major frame.

For example: in the physical field inertia is the property of the mass of an element. Inertia is that property of mass that allows the mass to remain in a constant state of motion or stasis so long as no force is applied to it.

Consider a car moving along a highway at constant velocity. The only force required to keep it in motion is that required to overcome the resistence of friction of air and mechanical parts. We can neglect those forces and say its motion being constant no force is required. But when we come to stopping the car or speeding it up, additional force is required to change the rate of speed. This additional force is required because of the inertia of mass.

When an object has a motion of constant velocity it covers a unit of distance in a unit of time. If it speeds up or slows down it gains or loses a small additional distance in the same unit of time. This is acceleration or decelleration as the case may be. A constant force is re - quired to add or subtract the small additional amount of distance, pro - vided it is always the same amount in each unit of time. When the additional ional distance is increasing or decreasing, the force is also increasing or decreasing.

Now, when we have constant motion in the minor-physical, there is no sense of motion in the major frame. Only when there is a change in the rate of velocity is there any sense of motion in the major frame. In other words, the 'small additional distance per unit of time' is the only 'real' motion with respect to the major frame. The force required to change the velocity is ascribed to a property of major space. Therefore inertia is a property of universal space, and a property of mass in the physical-minor space.

We want now to make it clear that the minor frames, or rather their content, is not an illusion. Their properties such as space, time, inertia, substance or mass are also properties of universal space, but as we see them in the above example, those properties, if they could be observed 'universally' would not have the same 'appearance' as when seen from the standpoint of a minor frame.

To show how space-time exists as a section of Real Space we will set up an analogue. Suppose a person who is colorblind to red and blue and to no other colors. When this person looks at a many-colored de - sign such as a Paisley shawl, the yellow, green, brown and orange part of the design is clearly seen, but the red and blue parts do not appear. Such a person would not see all the design. He might by analysis arrive at some theoretical conclusion as to the part he could not see.

As in the above analogue, we do not perceive all of universal space; we apprehend only part of it. That of which we are aware is our three-dimensional world and its content, i.e., the physical space-time continuum.

Thus the appearance of our physical world and its properties is not illusory perception, but is due to limited perception - the limitation being in the perceptual mechanisms.

We now give an example to show how the perceptual mechanism works with respect to time-motion-space. This example should also show how

the theory of the matatron is applied to the description of conscious awareness, and many other things in occult and spiritual science.

Our time sense -- that is, our sensual awareness of duration -- depends upon memory. If we had no memory we'd have no time sense, because we would not be able to compare the events present with events past as to the interval between, simply because our awareness would include only the present event.

We divide 'memory' up into phases which have to do with different aspects of awareness. Thus the memory on which our sense of time depends differs in some ways from the memory of a face or a poem. To use radio terms, we'd say that each of these kinds of memory depended on different circuit groups Time-sense, motion- and space-sense depend on the same set of circuits.

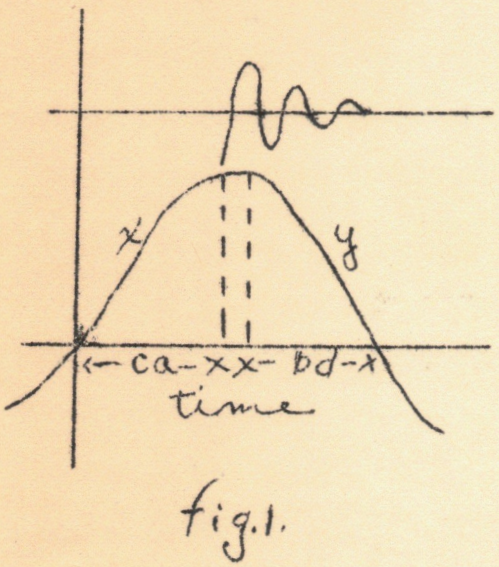

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Fig. 1.

In Fig. 1 is a set of curves that describe symbolically the striking of a bell. The large rising curve X, rising thru the interval ca, represents the gathering momentum of the striker. The interval ab between the vertical broken lines represents the interval during which the striker is in contact with the bell and delivering its energy to the fabric of the bell. The down-going curve Y thru the interval bd represents the regathering of energy in the striker as it moves to the other side of the bell. The small wave train at the top, at f, represents the sound wave emitted by the bell. (This is drawn as a harmonic wave, although in fact it would be a large group of harmonic wave trains with a very random pattern.) It is the energy of the striker in the form of sound. And the rate of 'damping' (dying-out) is a measure of the elasticity of the fabric of the bell. The 'shape' of the wave, never a harmonic in reality, depends on the structural shape of the bell and the materials in its composition.

Now, in our analogy the big curve is the natural period of the oscillating circuits in the mind mechanism. (Referring to what was said above about the inter-relationship of mental and physical electricity in the brain-mind, we see the physical aspect of this mechanism in the material structure of the brain and nervous system.)

During the small interval ab, the mental mechanism (like a powerhouse) delivers a quantum of menta-electric force to the whole sensual

structure. Keeping in mind the complex nature of "living" electricity, we see how this impulse is carried all the way thru to the dense physical body and its organs of objective sense. The interval ab is the bright instant of 'now' awareness. The wave f, as long as it endures, is a continuation of that point of brightness. However, it does not endure long. It is due, as in the analogy, to the 'structure' of the sensual mechanism and materials involved in it. In our case here, though, the structure is momentary. It is never quite the same at any instant. This changing is due to the impress of environmental forces on all planes, and is a sensual modification -- that is, what the Yogi call the modifications of the chitta, or mind stuff. It has the effect of a new bell being struck each time. The f-wave damps out nearly completely between each quantum delivered by the oscillating mind circuit.

It is the resonance that constitutes a 'memory' of the infinitesimal moment past. And there are longer intervals due to similarities in successive quanta -- or f-waves -- which give us the sense of time as of hours and days, etc.

In watching motion, if the object moves so fast as to register in only one or two f-waves, we will not be able to perceive it as anything but a 'blur' if we can see it at all. On the other hand, if motion is so slow as to make every f-wave the same for a long duration of time, other moving objects will obliterate its motion and again there is no motion to see. When motion is such as to modify each f-wave a perceptible amount, then motion is perceivable or sensible.

Referring again to Fig. 1, the 'period' of the large wave is governed to some extent by the materials used in the perceptual mechanism, so that where a physical component is involved as an organ of objective sense, the 'period' corresponds to what we may call the natural period, or average period, of a given group of elements -- as the physical group. In this way, sentient beings may exist in any or all of the four minor continuums and to a certain extent independent and unaware of the rest. There may also be sensual mechanisms capable of perceiving objectively more than one continuum. Such is the case in those having clairvoyant faculty.

According to physics, there is plenty of room between the atoms and electrons for other-plane matter. It isn't necessary, however, to assume that they interpenetrate that way when we allow the electron-proton's metatronic structure to be such that the electron or proton of certain elements of the various planes may readily interpenetrate each other. None of the minor continuums are entirely independent of influence of the others, and there must be certain relationships between them.

If the sensual organism consists of a group of inter-related mechanisms composed of elements of the various continuums, then it is conceived that each plane's mechanism has a 'period' of its own. If it has an 'eye' which can respond to the period, the eye will see that group of elements whose 'average' period, as above, is in accord with it. On the other hand, these periods produce in our sensual aware-

ness the subjective sense of 'bodiness' (physically) and of emotion and mentation.

For some, if they have difficulty in understanding how the various bodies interpenetrate, they might think of them in the same sense, or rather of their group as one body joined together in the same way that several metals may be joined to compound an alloy.

The periods of the groups of elements constituting a given vehicle - say, the etheric or vital body -- are not necessarily coincident. They may and probably do not have the same frequency, in which case they would have a 'joint' period which would be a multiple of the two. This secondary period may be the basis of our subjective sensations of living, emotion and mentation.

As to the 'subconscious' -- if we mean mind, that is excluded in our theory; if we mean memory, yes. It simply means that there are dormant circuits, which, while they are dormant, are potential remembrance; the memory as objects just doesn't exist stored away somewhere. It is when a certain pattern of circuits are energized that a thing is remembered, whereas it is otherwise thought to be a subconscious memory. It is subconscious only because it is not energized to a conscious state.

If consciousness is the basis of awareness, a memory may lie below the threshold of awareness but it cannot be actually subconscious.

In closing this outline, I should like to add that each of the Minor Continuums is a dimensional world, in which there are people, devas, and other beings. And that the elements of each fall into the four states of solids, liquids, gases and electrical properties.

These four states are again applied in a general way to the Major Continuum, so that the physical world hasthe native property of substantiality (solid); the etheric matters have the native property of fluidity; those of the astral, gaseousness; and the mental is then the electronic phase of the Major Continuum.

Solid, liquid, gas and electricity as objective realities depend upon the perceptual mechanism in any plane. As native qualities of the elements of the planes as a group they connote a relativity between the planes as space-time continuums and between them and the Major Continuum. This means that the utilization of matter and energy on a given plane will differ in some respects from the manner of utilization on some other plane.

We hope the ideas here given may be sufficiently suggestive to set 'better heads' to work; it -- the Metatronic Theory -- has limitless possibilities of expansion and application.

(Addendum: The Mind-body and Vital-body have been treated as mechanisms, for convenience of analysis. They are really personae (masks). The three persons of Huna are similar, with -- I think -- corresponding series of activity on all three levels.)

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NOTE: Mr. Hilliard is now preparing a booklet, which Round Robin hopes to issue in mimeographed form, dealing with the Metatronic Theory- in our opinion a very valuable contribution to scientific-occult thinking.

SOME EXPERIMENTS BEARING UPON THE EFFECTS OF HEATED STONES UPON THE HUMAN EPIDERMIS.

By
Philip S. Haley

Introductory Remarks: While a number of well observed cases of "fire-walking," or treading with bare feet upon heated stones have been reported, little or no attempt has been made to show in a controlled way, in the laboratory, the effects of heated stones upon the human epidermis. The attempts made at such control by the writer are not very extensive, but are offered in the hope that they will serve as a guide and stimulus to others. Investigators have reported the heat of some pits used for stone-treading to be as high as 800 degrees, Fahrenheit. The notes to follow will show that the epidermis of an ordinary individual, living a sedentary life in an urban community, cannot bear heated stone surface temperatures over 130 degrees, Fahrenheit, for more than a few seconds without becoming painful and either hyperemic or blistered. The writer used his own hands, fingers and feet for these tests.

Procedure and Results: An ordinary smooth stone of hard character, such as may be found on the sides or at the bottom of many streams, was heated over the flame of an illuminating-gas Bunsen burner. A mercurial thermometer registering up to 600 degrees Fahrenheit was used to register temperatures higher than 200 degrees Fahrenheit. (The Fahrenheit scale was used throughout.) Reactions on the skin were estimated in terms of the time required to experience a sensation of pain and the appearance of hyperemia (or redness) on the skin.

At 160 degrees, the ball of the forefinger, lightly pressed against the stone surface, became painful in feeling and had to be withdrawn in two seconds. With pressure of a firmer sort, the time was one second.

At 200 degrees, saliva on the same surface would boil and disappear. Water evaporated rapidly.

At 420 degrees, a piece of chamois skin one-half inch square became brown and charred in one second, if pressed firmly on the stone. In ten seconds it became liquid, and in fifteen seconds it disappeared, leaving only several tiny drops of black liquid behind on the stone.

The stone, heated to 450 degrees, showed a dull red color. To obtain this effect it was necessary to add the flame of a gas-burning blowpipe. The color would appear only upon the side to which the flame was applied. The opposite side showed no glow when the room was darkened to a twilight. On such a surface, a ball of cotton, or folded piece of gauze would char upon one to two seconds exposure, when lightly pressed. A small piece of tanned

shoe-leather charred and became crisp in five seconds, using light pressure. With heavier pressure (about one pound), the time was reduced to between three and four seconds. The stone returned to room temperature in 35 minutes when the heat was withdrawn.

A piece of granite was heated to 130 degrees, and a slightly calloused portion of the writer's palm was held against it. With light pressure, felt sharp pain in one second.

The ball of the index finger was now coated with ointment of ammoniated mercury, and pressed against the stone at 128 degrees -- light pressure. Sharp pain in two seconds.

An albuminate of mercury was now prepared by shaking metallic mercury with the white of an egg until a thick, grayish, fine suspension had been obtained. The palm of the left hand and balls of the forefinger and middle finger were now coated with the mixture.* Light pressure, palm of hand -- pain in four seconds; fingers, pain in three seconds.

* Note: Critics of fire immunity have held that albuminate of mercury will confer a relatively painless condition on the epidermis by absorbing the heat for a short time.

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Editor, Round Robin:

. . . . . In some ways I feel that our modern science is up a blind alley in computing the distances of planets by light years. I feel that the vibrations conducting light rays to our sense of sight are something associated with this planet... Since outer space is dark, what we see is a reflection of the sun, moon and planets, impressed on our atmospheric band, as a motion picture is impressed on a screen. I hardly believe the sun to be a molten (or gaseous) burning mass, but rather a condensed point of positive electricity maintaining a constant inductance to the negative earth. It is the reflection of this energy upon our atmosphere that appears to us as a ball of fire. The planets may be planes of higher etheric substance, reflected in a similar manner... This would explain why an etheric vehicle would appear material while within our atmosphere, but disappear as it leaves it ... These planets or etheric planes may be but a short distance off .. an etheric plane could touch this earth and not be apparent to our senses ... At present the only way to communicate with the Discs is probably by psychic means .. but I believe science will prove the existence of the etheric worlds ...» A.L.M., Attica, Ind.

Some of the M.P. seance communicators have asserted that light has no speed, or time of transmission; that it is a permanent condition of the ether, and that its interruption (darkness) is a psychological phenomenon only. They also deny roundly that the sun is in a state of combustion, as we use the term ("or it would long ago have been consumed"). There is nothing 'burning' on the sun. The interpenetration of the etheric 'plane' with our level of dense matter is also affirmed by them, and is long-established as occult doctrine. The application of this to the Discs gives a somewhat novel point of view, which may be reconcilable with the Communicators' account of them. Mr. A.L.M.'s letter is in remarkable accord with the results of psychic investigations. M.L.

TELEPATHY?

By Dr. P. C. C.

On Wednesday, June 2, 1937, at about 8:30 P.M., in a trumpet seance open to the public, in Denver, Colorado, the voice of an intelligence, calling himself "Glenn", stated to me that I would get a new book by Carrington. I was much surprised by that statement, and I said as much to the Intelligence who, by the way, was the son in spirit of the medium, Mrs. Benjamin, of Kansas City, Mo., who was present at the seance.

Glenn reiterated his statement, this time spelling out the name, C-A-R-R-I-N-G-T-O-N. I told the intelligence that I had all the books by Carrington that I cared to have, also that I had just a few days before received his latest book from England.

The Intelligence then said, "No, that is not the book I mean; you will get another book by Carrington."

I still insisted that I was not in the market at present for any kind of book, either by Carrington or anyone else.

On the 5th of June, 1937, I received a letter postmarked New York City, and with no clue on the outside as to the writer. Upon opening it, to my utmost amazement, I saw that the letter was signed Hereward Carrington, and the last paragraph read as follows:

> "Certainly I would be delighted to have the books in our library; however, and if you will send them on to me, I should be very much obliged, and will be glad to exchange them for a copy of my new book as soon as it is issued, if you would care to have one."
>
> (signed) Hereward Carrington.

Now, the unusual part is that the postmark on the envelope reads: "NEW YORK, N.Y. 1937, June 3, 7 A M." The inference is that the letter was written on June 2nd and mailed that same night very late, as the stamp was cancelled early next morning -- 7 A.M., June 3rd. Of course, the letter itself was dated June 2.

Glenn spoke to me on June 2, at 8:30 P.M., Denver time, which corresponds to 10:30 P.M., New York time -- whence the inference that the letter must have been mailed after that hour, too late for cancellation; hence the June 3 - 7 A M cancellation stamp. Please note in the letter that the book Glenn spoke about was not even issued.

If this was telepathy, the astounding fact is that it was telepathy between an excarnate mind (Glenn) and an incarnate mind (Carrington), and the writer's between the two.

And now the fulfilment: On October 30, 1937, Dr. Hereward Carrington sent to me a copy of his then latest book, "The Psychic World."

The prophecy was fulfilled on that date.

GLENN WAS RIGHT.

(Editor's note: The letter from Dr. Carrington, containing the quoted passage, and the envelope postmarked as described, were given to ROUND ROBIN for inspection.)

- THE NATURE OF THE ETHERIC WORLDS -

Probably all our readers are familiar by this time with what we have come to call the etheric hypothesis of the origin of the "flying discs" and other types of strange aircraft. This hypothesis, or theory, states in brief that these craft are constructed by etheric people on their own plane of existance; they are mental constructs existing in etheric matter. They appear in our world by a process similar to materialization, somewhat as an apport is re-materialized after being dematerialized in the process of apportation. The etheric form is filled in by particles of dense matter. The phenomenon is far from being unknown to students of occult subjects, and is akin to the ectoplasmic materializations often seen in seance work.

This explanation, as readers will also recall, was first given by the communicators at the Mark Probert seances. They also explained the probable reason for the coming of the discs, and referred to many other visits made by the Ethereans during past times. (1) We cannot review these details here, but only say that up to the present date at least, this explanation is the only one offered from any source, which covers all of the verified data, and that nothing contrary to it has yet been reported. Because of this, and because the statements of the communicators are quite in harmony with occult knowledge, and also with the most advanced concepts of contemporary science, this publication and nearly all BSR Associates continue to study the phenomena from this point of view, of the 'etheric hypothesis'. To reject this approach a priori, or because of distaste for psychic means of investigation is sheer prejudice and stupidity, and certainly far from the ideal scientific attitude.

The concept is, however, extremely difficult to 'put across' even to the so-called educated classes, duepartly to the whole cultural milieu which has produced their 'education', and also to the fact that the ideas involved are somewhat subtle and difficult, do not originate in our Western modes of thinking and are not particularly congenial to them. To most of us the 'esoteric tradition' is little more than an intellectual curiosity. Nevertheless, if we wish to grasp these present-day happenings (which are stark reality) we shall have to wash our minds clean of the notion that our western science holds the total of human knowledge, and that all ancient and alien peoples are fools and ignoramuses. That does not mean, of course, that we must accept the ancient teachings as correct and right and perfect in every detail. But they purport to hold much knowledge in fields where we have none at all, and scholars in all ages have studied them with profound attention - hence to despise and neglect them is not the part of good judgment.

Now, if we are disposed to listen at all to the statement that the discs and other craft originate in the 'etheric world' or on the 'etheric plane', one's first question naturally is: What is this world or plane - and where is it?" We hear a great deal about the astral planes, and even about the mental and 'spiritual' planes, but the etheric world, we are told, is not to be identified with either. It is not the world which we enter immediately after death (except perhaps for a very brief time), and its inhabitants are not excarnate humans. And as to its location, it is not 'out there somewhere' in space, but is right here, in and through our own world of dense matter. And it is not vaporous and insubstantial, but perfectly real and material to its inhabitants. It is a region of existence, of reality, to which our normal senses do not respond, and which present-day scientific instruments do not detect.

On reflection this seems reasonable enough in theory. Our eyes perceive a certain spectrum of color - the seven colors, red to violet. If we define colors as facts of perception, that will be all of them. But the scale of color vibration does not end with red and violet; we already know about the infra-red and ultra-violet, even if we cannot see them directly. The 'waves' go on increasing or decreasing in length or frequency, and they would be color for us if our eyes were adapted to seeing them. There may, therefore, be a whole world of invisible solid objects all about us, possessing colors of their own. And if we consider sound, we find a

similar situation. We do not normally hear above the squeaking of a bat, or below certain deep levels of vibration which translate into motion. But the scientist knows very well that the universe is full of noises imperceptible to our ears. Radar apparatus is picking them up everywhere from the deeps of space. Thus the sound spectrum also continues indefinitely, and we may live amid the sounds of etheric cities, the talk of invisible people and the 'music of the spheres' without any awareness of it. The microphone, radar, and the telescope extend the limits of sense perception - but only by a little, a very little, for the omniverse lies beyond.

What is true of the spectrums of sound and sight can easily be applied also to the senses of smell and taste and touch. As to this last, it fails us when we pass from solids and liquidss(and gases in motion) and try to detect the presence of air, gas, and an immense number of radiations by the sense of touch. But things which cannot be touched are not therefore non-existent, any more than things we cannot see or hear.

In this connection (tho'the subject cannot be developed here), it is probably wrong to assume even that touch, or tangibility, depends on density or solidity. It is an ancient teaching that there are worlds of superior density, of matter far more dense than any we have knowledge of, and that these lie, so to speak, below the limits of the spectrum of touch, as radio waves lie below the limits of the spectrum of vision or color. It seems incredible at first hearing, that an <u>increase</u> in the density of matter should render it untouchable, just as decrease of density does with air and gases; yet this fact and the reasons for it were well understood by the ancients.

Leaving this last point aside for the moment, the general situation is understandable and reasonable. The five senses are narrow slits or loopholes through which we become aware of little areas of the universe about us. A tiny spotlight of consciousness dances about, reporting a few sounds and sights and colors, along with size, shape, weight, texture, resistence and other 'qualities of matter', and we widen the spotlight a little by means of instruments - and then fancy, sometimes, that the whole of reality is known to us, or fast becoming so. It is as if the long-legged water-spinner on the surface of the pool should deny the depths beneath and the heights of air above. There is nothing novel in these considerations, but it may be useful to advance them once more because now we must make their practical application. The etheric worlds exist in and through our own world, and we do not perceive them for the reasons we have been discussing, and the fact that we do not see or hear or feel them is less than a child's argument against their existence and reality.

It would be legitimate to object: "All that you say may be true, but is there any <u>positive</u> evidence for the existence of such worlds? For it is right for us to depend on our senses, supplemented by our instruments; and if we can neither discover the existence of an etheric world, nor infer its existence, we have no business to affirm it."

To this the reply can only be (1) that we constantly have before us (and very strikingly of late) many facts which are explicable only by assuming the existence of the etheric worlds (2) That their existence has been affirmed from times immemorial, that they have been investigated by psychic means, and that the reported facts are conformable with philosophy and with the most advanced finding of modern science. Whoever chooses may deny the facts and reject all psychic and occult investigation, and the many startling implications of scientific research; but the present writer cannot so deny and reject, nor will most of our Associates in these studies be inclined to do so. Malamala! - Let us uphold and spread abroad the Light!

With this much clearing of the ground, however inadequate, let us adventure a little further into what has been believed and taught concerning these etheric regions. It is customary among the Qabalists (2), and among other Schools also, to speak of the outer and the inner planes; and by this is meant, briefly, that for every plane or level or 'sphere' of existence there is a corresponding mode of consciousness. For our eath plane we have the consciousness governed by the five senses,

and we perceive the phenomena for which they are adapted. The dweller on the astral has his type of consciousness also, and it responds to his peculiar environment and not (normally) to ours. If one prefers, this of course can be restated to read, that our type of consciousness projects the phenomena of our plane, and that of the astral dweller projects his environment also; but the subject-object relationship remains so far as the 'illusion of experience' goes, and the dualism of percipient and the thing perceived. Also, the planes and the objects belonging to them do have position in space. To affirm that space is itself a consciousness-product, either of the personality, or of the Cosmic Mind, or of both, or of the latter operating as and through the former, though almost certainly true, does not change the situation from the standpoint of experience by the perceiving entity: for him space, or rather objects 'in space', exists.

The etheric worlds therefore exist in space, and interpenetrate with our own; and if we wish to be crudely materialistic about it, we can say that their substance exists in and flows through our dense matter, as wind or water pass through a coarse wire screen. It is well known that the interspaces of an atom, and between molecules and other particles, is relatively very large; our dense matter is extremely porous and wide-spaced, so that there is "room" for inter-ethers or other existents - just as a bucket of coarse gravel has room for a great amount of sand or water. The dense matter of the etheric world may be emanation-matter from ours (though our dense matter probably originated from an etheric source), and copper (e.g.) is probably emanation-copper on the etheric, and on the astral also. It may possess somewhat different properties, and there may be many elements on the etheric level which are not present in our world; nevertheless it is a real, solid and substantial sphere of existence. A principal difference seems to be, that etheric matter can be manipulated by the energy of thought; and we are told that the discs are constructed by first creating them as a thought-form (as a carpenter creates a box in his mind before he makes it in wood), and that this is filled in by dense matter when the discs appear in our own world. Incidentally, the etheric 'plane' is NOT a fourth dimensional world.

It seems somewhat strange, that the one particular phase of esoteric teachings now being thrust upon the Western mind, should be subtle and difficult beyond the average. The nature of the etheric planes cannot be understood without at least an elementary grasp of the LOKAS and TALAS,* and this subject does not lend itself to easy exposition. To approach it, let us recall what was said above about the outer and inner planes, or the dualism of consciousness and its vehicle, or of energy and matter. This dualism is said to run through the whole Kosmos or Planetary Chain. Consider the following diagram:

Qabalists call these Atziluth, Briah, Yetzirah, and the sphere of the Qlippoth.	A	Archetypal World	G	The Planetary Chain: 7 Elements & 7 Principles of Kosmos
	B	Intellectual or Creative World	F	
	C	Astral or Formative World	E	
		Physical World - Terra		
		D		

*Note: The RR editor, of course, is not concerned at all as to whether the reader 'believes' or rejects the esoteric cosmology involved. The situation is simply that we are confronted with certain phenomena of probable etheric origin, and that there are certain teachings extant about these etheric regions which certainly deserve close examination - since our own science has nothing at all to say. .. Most of the information here given is drawn from the works of G.de Purucker, M.A., D.Litt., and especially from his Fundamentals of the Esoteric Philosophy, David McKay Co., 1932. Pp. 390-416 et pas. . A somewhat more technical exposition is available as a release to all BSR Associates.

Now, an "Element' is a sphere of action, or a manifestation of a 'Principle'. And these different spheres of action, and the energy which acts in them, are within each other, much as the tree-energy and tree-form are 'within' the acorn, and the acorn form-and-energy are 'within' the life germ. Each of these worlds, also, emanates from the preceding one, and produces its following one by a kind of overflowing of forces; and more than this, each is reflected by the world which it emanates. Under this concept, our world "D" for example, has arisen out of all the others, and every atom in it is related to the whole Kosmos - which happens to be good modern science, and sound philosophy and religion as well.

The Life Wave is conceived of as passing through all these worlds (from A to G) and this passage is called a Round. But the idea is more involved than this, because the Wave advances in the form of seven sub-waves on each globe (there are two globes in each world). The mineral life of "A" is pushed out, so to speak, by the vegetable life-wave, and overflows into "B". The vegetable life is pushed out by the animal, and the mineral life of B flows into "C", etc. The 7th globe, "G" is Devachan, or the long period between incarnations, tho' there are shorter rest periods between the globes.

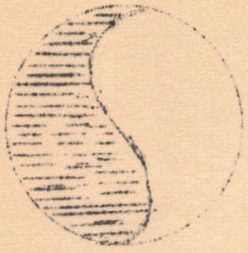
Each globe (not "world") has 14 states of matter, consisting in each case of 7 Lokas and 7 Talas, which may be called sub-worlds. Lokas and Talas are related somewhat like the poles of a magnet - the nature of a magnet implies the polarity. Neither can exist without the other. These sub-worlds are within each other- it is an "onion-universe" rather than a layer-cake one. But the inner sub-worlds are not smaller; physical size has nothing to do with this concept. They are finer, more ethereal, and their rays emanate farther than do the rays of the outer sub-worlds. The sub-waves of the great Life Wave operate in these Lokas as they "ascend" on the "Luminous Arc", and the "descending" subwaves operate in the Talas or "Shadowy Arc" . The entities existing in the various Lokas and Talas have the type of body corresponding to the Loka - as, physical, astral, etheric, spiritual, mental - and this is equivalent to the "inner" and "outer" planes already mentioned.

We ourselves of course inhabit a Loka and a Tala, and there are six other humanities evolving in their own Lokas and Talas, on "our" planet - they are six mankinds. And the 7 Elements (diagram) are worlds, not globes; they are regions of life and action within the globes, and are filled with innumerable humanities, of which the human stirps is only one. Each "Element" works with all the Lokas and Talas, and each Element or Globe has 7 reflected Lokas and as many Talas. The Lokas really are the Elements, and the forces in them are the Principles of the Kosmos - the Consciousness which fills Space and which IS Space... The "inner realms of a man or of a Globe are the various planes of the Auric Egg."

Our earth is called Bhurloka, and is said to extend to the limits of the atmosphere. The "next" is called Bhuvarloka, and its rays extend to the sun - but it is an ethereal world existing within the earth. And within the Bhurloka is the Swarloka, the rays of which reach the Pole Star. It is these auric Rays which bind the universe together, and give us our communication with the restt of the Kosmos - "Bind the whole world With gold chains about the feet of God." Note that it is the most inward of the Lokas which radiate the fartherest. Their radiation is equivalent to a magnetic field. Our earth is also Patala, or the lowest Tala. Once again, Lokas and Talas correspond to spirit and matter.

There are thus 7 Worlds which make up the universe; and these Worlds are polarized into Lokas and Talas. Each of the 7 globes of our chain has its own 7 Lokas and 7 Talas - and in each Loka and Tala are innumerable hosts of beings. All these Lokas and Talas interpenetrate each other, yet all these beings live in their own worlds and work out their own destiny just as we do here.

The following symbol (next page) of a circle partitioned by an S-curve, is said to be of Atlantean origin, and is found everywhere in the Orient, especially in Buddist countries. The light and dark portions represent the Lokas and Talas; the involution of spirit and the evolution of matter; and also the evolution of spirit and the involution of matter; while the circle itself is the Boundless All. It is one



of the most beautiful and meaning-full symbols ever devised, and yields much to meditation. The entire cosmological concept of the Lokas and Talas is summed up in it... Let us repeat that our globe has seven Lokas and seven Talas, and each of the other six globes of our planetary chain has a like number. There are two globes on each plane, except in the case of our earth-plane where there is only one. They receive their inflow of energy from the corresponding Lokas and Talas of the Sun. There are seven Suns, but on our plane only one.

Perhaps we should add the point, that Space, which is a concept or abstraction to our thinkers, is ultimate Being, Reality, to this oriental mode of thought. Space is not a container and does not have dimensions. Matter has dimensions, but there is no "fourth dimension of space", or any other. The three dimensions of matter are all it can possess. But matter has many states or conditions in which it is not perceptible to our senses, tho' it remains three-dimensional all the while. The concepts of a 4th, 5th and other dimensions can, however, be employed mathematically. The term '4th dimension' has been used so much (and so senselessly) that many people imagine that it means something and that they have some understanding of it. It is most probable that the discs and other craft will be established in the public mind, either as coming from another planet of our solar system, or from a 4th dimension. Neither of these opinions is right, in the view of the present writer. They originate in a three-dimensional world which is as close to us as our own, and which interpenetrates with ours at every point, but which our senses cannot apprehend.

There have been many appearances of these craft in times past, and always mankind has wondered and feared and soon forgotten them. Yet there is just a possibility that this time there will be a few people who will understand what is happening, and who will try to get into communication with these visiting beings and to learn from them. Those of us who wish to profit in this way, must take care not to be misled by pseudo-explanations (perhaps applicable to some single happening but not to others), or deterred by ridicule, even from learned and distinguished persons. The opportunity is rare and wonderful beyond words, and the future of our civilization may depend on our ability to understand it and employ it for right purposes. Malamala! Let us uphold and spread abroad the Light!

Concerning "Lost Souls" and "Soulless beings."

"There is an immense difference between lost souls, and soulless beings. A lost soul is one in whom the "golden thread" uniting the lower thinking entity with its Higher Self is completely ruptured. The case here is virtually hopeless; there can be no more union for that lower self, which at the moment of final rupture commences sinking immediately into the "Eighth Sphere", the so-called "Planet of Death". A soulless being, a soulless man, is one in whom the thread has been worn, so to speak, very thin; or rather, where the spiritual and impersonal aspirations in this and other lives have been so few, the attempts to unite with the Higher Self so weak, that slowly the spiritual Ray has been withdrawing itself from the lower part; but it is not yet ruptured completely. Even one single holy and impersonal aspiration may cause reunion... But it is properly called a soulless being, for the entity lives almost wholly in his lower principles. These are men and women 'without conscience', who seem to have no moral sense, though their mental and psychical faculties still remain strong and keen."

G.de P. Op.cit., p.164.

CONCERNING DR. ABRAMS AND THE THEORY OF ELECTRONICS

The Electronic Medical Digest for March-April, 1948, has as its leading article "The Way of Progress," by Fred J. Hart. Mr. Hart mentions first the persecution of Semmelweiss, who insisted on the danger of dirt as a disease carrier and greatly reduced mortality from sepsis after childbirth. He was driven insane by the intensity and persistence of his persecutors. Morgan, who introduced anaesthesia, was denounced with equal virulence by both the clergy and by members of his own profession. Harvey, who discovered the circulatory system, had a very similar experience.

"Allopaths fought homeopaths, homeopaths fought eclectics, eclectics fought osteopaths, osteopaths fought chiropractors, and all, to a large extent, fought Abrams." It was the latter who, in 1916, proclaimed the theory of electronics in medicine, which asserts, among other things, that radioactivity is a universal property of matter; that electronic disease radiation is a purely biophysical phenomenon and that any shift of electrons in or between the atoms of body tissue results in the giving off of an electromagnetic energy; that the effect of medication of any kind is due to its electromagnetic frequency; that disease radiations produce reflexes in living tissue which serve as detectors of disease; that diagnoses can be built on these facts, and diseased tissue can be normalized by magnetic energy; that vital phenomena are dynamic, and that the cell doctrine must be replaced by the electron theory.

It is well known that Abrams suffered the most outrageous treatment at the hands of the medical profession a nd of the press and that every attempt was made to discredit him and his work in the eyes of the public; yet the progress of time has abundantly justified all of his main contentions, and he is the father of electronic medicine in its present-day development.

We quote, as a matter of interest, (as does Mr. Hart) a paragraph concerning Abrams from WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, 1922 edition:

"ALBERT ABRAMS, physician; b. at San Francisco, Dec. 8, 1863; s. of Marcus and Rachel Abrams; M.D., Univ. Heidelberg, 1882; A.M., Portland Univ., LL.D. 1892; postgraduate courses in London, Berlin, Paris and Vienna; m. Jeanne Roth of San Francisco, 1897; 2nd, Blanche Schwabacher, 1915; Prof. Pathology, Cooper Med. Coll. 1893-98; President of Emanuel Polyclinic since 1904; Fellow of the Royal Microscopic Society; president of San Fra ncisco Medico-Chirurgical Soc., 1893. V.Pres. Calif. State Med. Soc., 1889. Author, Synopsis of Morbid Renal Secretions, 1892; Manual of Clinical Diagnosis, 1894; Consumption - Its Causes and Prevention, 1895; Transactions of the Antiseptic Club, 1896; Scattered Leaves of a Physician's Diary, 1900; Diseases of the Heart; Nervous Breakdown, 1901; The Blues, 1904; Diseases of the Lungs, 1905; Self-poisoning, Diagnostic Therapeutics, 1909; Spinal Therapeutics, 1909; New Concepts in Diagnosis and Treatment - Spondylotherapy, 1910. Founder of Spondylotherapy, and Hon. Pres. of Amer. Assn. for Study of Spondylotherapy; Pres. of Amer. Assn. for the Study of Psycho-Physical Research; discoverer of Abrams' Reflexes, and the Electronic Reactions of Abrams (E.R.A.)"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING TO OUR DOCTORS?

by One of Them

The ELECTRONIC MEDICAL DIGEST for March-April, 1948, also carries a reprint, under the above heading, of an article which appeared in the May 26, 1946, issue of THIS WEEK MAGAZINE, from which we quote:

"The plain truth is that doctors are losing the human touch. We doctors are letting ourselves be caught in a series of vicious circles. We are forgetting that a physician's importance depends not only on his knowledge of medicine, but on the personal qualities he brings to its practice. If the trend persists, medicine may soon be caught in the same dilemma as physical science. We shall approach mechanical perfection without the sense to make the best use of our discoveries..... The patient finds the cost of medical treatment higher and the guarantee of a cure no greater..... Lip service is paid to Hippocrates, while, all too often, fee-splitting exists.... Our code of ethics is worthy -- but out-moded. Today we have a medical monopoly, with no competition from outside. Ethics demand that we do not compete among ourselves (except for fees)."

The FLYING ROLL editor believes that the medical profession truly, as a whole, and in spite of many brilliant technical achievements, has rapidly lost prestige in recent years in the eyes of the public, due partly to exorbitant fees and partly to their intolerance of the various new phases or schools of medicine which have appeared during the past two or three decades. To this is to be added the most regrettable fact (from our point of view) that very few medical practitioners in the United States have any knowledge whatever of the factual side of psychism and parapsychology, to say nothing of spiritism and occult matters generally.

An inquiry made not long ago of all mental hospitals in the State of California revealed the fact that not one of them recognized the possibility of obsession as a cause of insanity. Yet the thirty-year record of the Wickland Clinic, along with a library-full of relative data, has long been at the disposal of the medical profession, and of anyone else who is able to read.

In this field of parapsychology, although there are certainly a considerable number of individual practitioners who are well informed and open-minded, it is certain that what one might call orthodox medical practice has learned nothing at all and shows no slightest evidence of a desire to learn anything.

The use of hypnotism by psychiatrists is very widespread; we regard this fact with profound misgivings, having no reason to believe that the average psychiatrist has any basic knowledge at all of the forces he is playing with or the dangers involved. It is, in fact, impossible that he should have, for the simple reason that our Western psychology has almost no grasp of the constitution of man as a psycho-physical entity.

This reminds us to say, in conclusion, that the FLYING ROLL editors are actively interested in compiling a list of names and addresses of qualified medical practitioners who are known privately, if not otherwise, to have a sound understanding and a tolerant and receptive attitude towards spiritism, psychism and paranormal phenomena generally, who actually make use of such knowledge when the occasion arises in their practice.

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Also, Asmodeus and the fishy fume - and the touching tribute of Coleridge to Cologne-city, where he "counted two and seventy stenches, all well defined, and several stinks" - or,"smells uncountable and unaccountable", and newspaper reports thereof, invading San Francisco and area on October 15 last, causing near panic in some localities. In the smells per se we have little interest, being some 500 miles away from them and also preconditioned by Los Angeles smog; but we're interested in the explanation of them. They were caused by (1) creosote log being burned at the beach (2) by fumes from Contra Costa oil refineries (3) oily material dumped into the bay (4) spilled oil from a tanker (5) escaping gas (6) a ship pumping bilges at sea (7) burning trash (8) fumigation (9) gas bombs (10) finally, 'nothing but' S-thyl-thiouracil coming from the petroleum refineries, according to the S.F. city toxicologist and Dr. J.C.Geiger, Health Director. This sulphurous gas hing over the refineries in a pocket of dead air for some time, then the wind blew it out to sea, then changed and blew it right back again, according to these authorities.

Could be, says BSR Associate Rev. V.O.Johnson in effect, but "one wonders why, during the many years existence of the refineries, this never happened before?" Also, "Did the people at the refineries get this smell during the days it overhung them, confined by the dead air?" Did some Power celestial hold this stench well above nose-level, maybe out of solicitude for the oil companies and their employees. Even the S.F. newspapers gagged a little at that one. Incidentally, the 16th and 17th of October were reported by residents of the S.F. area to have been unusually hot - yet the weathe report shows a high of only 65 for S.F., 74 for Oakland... The smell itself was described by various people as resembling onions, garlic, cooking gas, mustard gas, creosote, roofing materials,burning rubber, and (to Rev.V.O.J.again) like "an aromatic wild plant that grows in Oregon". And it was no joke to thousands of people who were more or less sickened by it - in spite of the seeming levity of our comments. And the seance communicator (at S.F.) who predicted some unusual happening for mid-October seems to have been either lucky or knowledgful... As for RR editor, he remains vaguely dissatisfied with S-ethyl-etc. - but maybe only because he can't pronounce it.

Malibu Motif About the three white houses that turned black at Malibu, Calif.,-we would like to know whether (1) all these houses were painted with the same kind of paint (2) whether there was actually anything in this paint which would produce a black metallic sulphide under conditions of pressure inversion and the presence of sulphur in the air (or was that just a guess by the "weather experts?") (3) whether other "newly painted near-by houses" had a different kind of paint (4) whether the alleged change of atmospheric pressure would be likely to wake up householder Walter Lowe, leave him "fighting for breath and with an intense feeling of depression" (5) whether Mr. Lowe was, oddly, the only resident to feel that way - since an atmospheric pressure inversion is not likely to be confined to three city lots. Also, we suggest that IF sulphur in the air was reacting with the paint constituents, it was probably some by-product of this that affected Mr. Lowe and not the alleged pressure change. . . . Well, it may be all right to regard the happening itself as insignificant; it is quoted here to draw attention to the sloppiness and fuzzy-mindedness of "popular" newspaper explanations and the "experts" quoted by them. This is almost as bad as the "solution" of the McComb fires. We're not trying to create fictitious mysteries, but only to say twiddle-twaddle at the right places.

Comes the Dawn: We have many clips telling of the encounter of Lieut.George Gorman, No.Dak.Air Nat'l Guard, with a "luminous round object" which flew rings around him, figuratively at least, for a half hour over Fargo, although his plane "travelled up to 400 m.p.h. during the engagement. He made a formal report to the Air Forces intelligence, which "apparently consented to its publication". Of interest to RR readers is the comment of the Omaha World Herald, as quoted by the Argus-Leader of Sioux Falls (Oct.8,'48), from which the quoted expressions are taken. "What precisely

is this apparition of the skies? ... For the present, no answers. But unless Lieut. Gorman and the two airport attendants and the Fargo physician and the Air Forces have perpetrated a magnificent hoax, more will be heard of the saucer one of these days. Whatever its nature and whatever its origin, it appears to be coming out of the haze of scepticism and speeding into the bright light of reality."

Comes the dawn! This guarded hint of realization, in the columns of an American newspaper, is almost as much a 'phenomenon' as the Lokas themselves. The day when the public realizes the significance and dominant power of these sky-visitants may yet present an unparalleled problem - and a real need for the knowledge and clear thinking of our BSR associates. . .

"Balloons" over Minnesota .... Whoever raises a question about smug and casual 'explanation'of any happening, is accused of sensationalism; yet the very thing BSR Associates are trying to do, is to uncover the exact facts and expose the glib scientism of the press. "Red balls of fire" seen travelling rapidly, s.w. to n.e.over Minnesota and South Dakota have been 'accounted for' by the fact that college students released several red weather balloons about six feet in diameter - and Professor of Astronomy Luyten (Univ. of Minn.) thinks that is probably the whole story. But one woman reported that it "looked like an astronomical display", other observers said "it looked like s sky rocket" and was "travelling too fast for a balloon." Comes BSR Associate, engineer John Hilliard, with weather maps for the two dates concerned, and weather bureau reports on wind velocity and direction, together with several pages of critical analysis of all the data, which we do not have space for here. The upshot is, that while one or more balloons may have been aloft, the direction, velocity, and in most cases the reported appearance of the objects cannot be explained by the balloon hypothesis. . . It is a source of satsifaction to note that our BSR Associates are NOT guilty of non-critical acceptances, of <u>any</u> theories, including their own. Otherwise expressed, the idea is that of "critical receptivity" - which is or should be the attitude of all investigators of the 'paranormal'.

This may be a good time to say, too, that this critical receptivity is the distinguishing feature of BSRA. It is not enough to collect books-full of unexplained and even unexplainable happenings, or of the mistakes, stupidities and intoler - ance of scientism (not of true Science). All that is admirable ground-clearing. The Forteans (of whom this writer is one) have been carrying on with it for a long time - but never get any forwarder, mainly because they break out with goose-pimples of apprehension or a rash of rage if anyone so much as whispers the words occultism, esotericism, or spiritism. That's as bad as their opposite numbers, the psychic research societies, which have gone on 'proving' the same facts over and over for the last 80 years or so, piling up thousands of pages of evidence, that certain facts already known for thousands of years really exist, and gaining nothing except the pleasant feeling of being truly 'scientific' and 'critical'. Our BSR attitude is, that it's important to distrust all authority, but at the same time a fool's business to reject a whole body of knowledge (real or alleged), such as is gathered under the terms esoteric and occult, for no reason except prejudice and pseudo-modern smuggery. There is, for example, a library-full of data which only the spiritistic viewpoint (survival and communication) can deal with; if we reject spiritism as even a working hypothesis, we are pinned down, rotate on our own Oh's and Ah's like a pin wheel, like a Fortean, like psychic research committees, like "smart young men from Harvard" investigating Margery, and so on ad infin. Rejectionism is not enough; we <u>must</u> have a sane ecclecticism if we are ever to unlearn the needful nine-tenths of our boasted knowledge. "The superstition of the West", writes Egon Friedell, "is its rationality". This phrase requires right understanding, and a tremendous shifting around of intellectual values - but there is no escape from the necessity of grasping exactly what is meant by it. We recommend it, along with the 'critical receptivity' phrase, to the thoughtful consideration of our Associates.

Sky Octopus: Stockholm, Aug. 23 (INS). Reports from Katrinehol, 80 miles west of Stockholm, told Sunday of a mysterious "sky octopus" visible for three hours Saturday night. Eye-witnesses described the phenomenon as resembling a brilliant star surrounded by streamers of fire like the tentacles of an octopus. (Clip from Andrew Hardie).

Research Bomber: Over Waycross, Ga., Oct. 7. This plane "fell to pieces" with a loud explosion, at an altitude of about 10,000 ft., killing 9 of the 13 men aboard. Pieces of wreckage rained over a 20-acre area. RR does not know the official explanation of this disaster, if any. We at one time saw a statement to the effect that practically all plane disasters are finally explained to the satisfaction of the authorities. This may or may not be true, and "satisfaction" may mean little or nothing. Some disasters are explained, and maybe this one has been. But when man invaded the air, he also invaded realm of beings, and of things and forces theretofore unknown to him. And not all of such entities are visible, tangible or audible. Through centuries past, men have learned a little about them - or at least made certain statements about them. Perhaps it would be wise of us, to consider such alleged knowledge seriously.

"Radio-astronomers" include physicists and others who are preparing for an exhaustive study of "radio and radar signals pouring in upon the earth from all directions ... electro-magnetic waves, longer than those of light, from less than an inch to several yards ... they come not only from the suns (stars) and (probably) from the aurora borealis, but "from parts of the sky which appear to to contain nothing", and "particularly from the center of the Milky Way." Radar has repeatedly shown the existence of invisible 'objects' in space.

It is worth noting, in this connection, that many reports coming to RR about the Lokas (flying discs) describe them as fading out of vision, and not as simply withdrawing from sight as does a passing plane. If it is true that these objects can be dematerialized within our atmosphere, it may be that they can be maintained in an etheric or semi-etheric form, and might possibly reflect the radar ray while remaining invisible. (Quoted parts from Canton Repository, Ohio, Oct. 6. '48. Cr. Reinhold)

VORTEX? RR has a report that there is a vortex in "the center of Florida, similar to the vortexes of California and Oregon ... 60 miles from the east coast and 60 miles from the west, and also in the center as to north and south." If any of our readers know about this we hope they will give us information.

Radio Noises: "Discrete Sources of Galactic Frequency Noise", J. Bolton. Nature 162, p. 141, July 24, 1948. Prior evidence shows an unusual amount of radio noise from a discrete source in Cygnus. A search described in this paper covered ½ the celestial sphere and showed six new discrete sources ... Theories of origin are discussed and are limited to stellar processes such as unusual free electron atmospheres. -- The foregoing is quoted from Rocket News Letter, August 1948, p.2 (91 Pine Ave., Riverside, Ill.). The editor of RNL adda a note: "It might be proper to consider an intelligent source as a possibility, in view of the statistical rarity of these discrete sources". RNL is often very technical but contains information not easily to be had elsewhere - meteors, radioactivity, space conditions, conditions on the moon, digests from other publications, etc., in addition to rocket news.

Flame prominances on the Sun, in recent moving pictures, reviewed in L.A. press, show great clouds of gas constantly descending into the sun, but none rising. They fall with a constant velocity, no accelleration of gravity, and "defy all known laws of thermo-dynamics." -- M.P. seance communicators have repeatedly told us that there is no combustion on the sun, as the word is understood by us. -- As to noises, again - they were first observed some 15 years ago, on 14.2 megacycles, "like gravel falling on the roof and the howling of wolves." -- RR wants info. about a machine publicly exhibited in Los Angeles, about that time, which picked up human speech, NOT radio transmission, and many different languages, but non-selective.

"HEART TROUBLE" and the CALCIUM TREATMENT -

In our last issue (RR iv-7, pp.16-17) we called attention to a previous memorandum from contributing editor David D. Dagmar, concerning the experience of a member of his family who was afflicted with "heart trouble" and who obtained relief by taking calcium. We also quoted an article from the American Weekly dealing with the milk treatment, also called the Gold treatment, for cases of 'failing heart'. "Something contained in the milk" was said to be the effective agent. The RR article failed to do justice to Mr. Dagmar's important contention, viz., that the "something" was calcium - and also failed to state that this calcium, in the case narrated by Mr. Dagmar, was taken by injection into a vein, not merely by drinking milk. This subject is a little aside from the usual interests of RR, but it is certainly of very great importance, in view of the alarming prevalence of "heart disease" - and of the harvest reaped by physicians for the treatment of this condition.

"The milk treatment" says Mr. Dagmar in a later communication, "may be OK as the AMA tell it, but it would be almost impossible to make anyone drink enogh milk during an attack, to do any good." The effective element, in his opinion, is the calcium, but for emergency relief it has to be administered by itself as a hypodermic.

"Practically everything written about "heart trouble" attributes it to hypertension, nervousness, fast living, worry and so on."'This is equivalent to saying that the nervous system is at the root of the disorder, and not any disease in the heart itself. To treat the heart is to treat a symptom and not the root of the trouble. The condition called heart trouble should be diagnosed as nervous asthma, which is capable of producing all of these heart symptoms, and which has a definite cure. Please understand that I am NOT giving medical advice - but I want to tell you of the case I mentioned in my own family.'

Mr. Dagmar then describes the two-year illness of his mother from fecufrent "heart attacks". She was sent to the hospital repeatedly, placed under the oxygen tent and given all the customary (and very expensive) routine. Finally she was taken to Arizona, where one of the "heart attacks" soon occurred. Mr. Dagmar prevailed on the attending physician to administer a 'shot' of calcium. "She recovered immediately. He gave her 'shots' for three more days, and she has never had another attack."

Mr. Dagmar urged the administration of the calcium, on account of a previous experience of his own. He was on the verge of pneumonia, with much congestion in the lungs. Calcium was given, and "within seconds all the congestion was gone. Two more shots and I was well again." 'In the case of nervous asthma diagnosed as heart trouble, there is also congestion - a mucous coating of the lungs which cuts off the oxygen to the blood, and this deficiency of course affects the heart. Hence the temporary relief given by administration of pure oxygen - and hence also the relief given by the calcium, which appear to burn up mucous coating of the lungs so that the normal oxygen supply can be obtained. The calcium not only relieves the emergency, but also cures the basic nerve condition, or systemic condition which produced the nervous asthma and the heart symptoms.'

"I think that the milk treatment is all right for persons not suffering an acute attack, but that calcium shots are necessary during an attack. I do not think calcium tablets are beneficial because of the inability of many people to absorb calcium into the system. It cannot be so absorbed except in the presence of vitamin D in the correct quantity to act as its carrier, converting it to a "calcium soap". Milk is a good source of both calcium and vitamin D, but in my opinion it should be taken between meals."

The RR editor repeats that calcium or any other remedy referred to in this publication should be taken only after consultation with a physician - but that persons afflicted with "heart trouble" should at least investigate the calcium treatment, in addition to the "six days milk treatment" referred to in RR.7, since it seems highly probable that calcium is the curative agent involved in this. So far as we know, this last highly important fact has not hitherto been made public.

CORRESPONDENTS -

"I am very much interested in getting into contact with someone who has done work in the electronic measuring of body radiations. I would like information as to circuit and other data. . . Some of the BSR Associates might have ideas as to using infra-red, cathode ray tubes, photo-electric cells, quartz crystals etc. to explore the psychic field. A clearing house for ideas along these lines would be a great help. (John B. Osburn. 770-E.Fulton St.Grand Rapids 3, Mich.)

(With reference to the printing of articles, RR cannot as a rule make use of highly technical material. But we wish to be of every possible service to all of our readers, and are glad to print such inquiries as the above. Technical information can sometimes be sent out in the releases to BSRA, if very brief, and especially if it has important bearing on psycho-physical problems. Any RR contributor can be reached "in care of" Round Robin, if address is not given).

"I think (as does my wife also) that the narrative of occult experience, by M.C., in RR iv-7, was the most unusual (yet truthful) item you have yet published." J.B.O.

(The New York Spiritualist Leader also refers to this article by M.C., at some length. "M.C."is a young married woman, resident in California)

BSR Associate W.C.Baker, San Francisco (C/ RR) has made further and careful inquiries concerning the Mt. Shasta stories (occult Orders, etc.), and uncovers so many contradictions and uncertainties, especially with regard to the purported observations of astronomer Larkin, that it hardly seems worth while to pursue the matter. A letter from the Mt. Wilson Observatory, addressed to him, states: "It is of course impossible to see from the Mt. Lowe observatory to the north on account of intervening mountains and the curvature of the earth."

"One thing I cannot understand, is why all these mysterious aircraft, discs etc., seem to appear only over North America and not in Europe . . . May be because we have had so many strange aircraft across in the last nine years that nobody takes any notice now. I should be interested to hear views on this."

(Egerton Sykes, 9 Markham Square, Lon.S.W.3, Eng.)

(Other correspondence from England bears this out. The English press has scarcely mentioned the discs and other craft - tho' one paper did remark that the "etheric" explanation was simply tops for its absurdity. "Who speaks? quoth Balaam with astonished ear." Mr. Sykes is editor of the forthcoming definitve edition of Donnelly and Director of the Atlantis Research Center).

"I very much approve of the BSRA idea, and of the investigation of the Discs, but any mention of seance information should be avoided, in order not to awaken unnecessary prejudice ... There has never been a time in our present lives when there was so much conviction, from so many unrelated sources, of some tremendous disaster to the human race, between now and 1952 or '53 ... It is not impossible that some Higher Intelligence is sending out a general warning that receptive minds will pick up, and that may enable them to survive." (Walter X.Osborn.Sta.Cruz,Zambales,P.I.)

(We have avoided stressing the opinions of the Mark P. communicators, in discussing the origin of the Discs, for the reason Mr.Osborn mentions. But we hold that psychic investigation is legitimate and necessary, and that it has given us the only account of the discs so far offered from any source - and which is consistent with all data so far available. We believe BSR Associates will approve of this attitude - and at the same time avoid arousing needless hostility...Verification, which can be left to time, will do much to corroborate the fact of spirit communication - and the enlightened judgment of the future may attach high importance to the "Mark P. revelations".

"Four Discs were seen over Sonora, Calif., two weeks ago around midnight, by husband, wife, and some children." (Undated). E.McC. (Calif. C/RR).

"I am intensely interested in our group and congratulate you on being instru - mental in forming it. . . The world needs a group which is factual, non-radical, non-esoteric in its approach to all Fortean material. . . We shall never get to first base with orthodox science if we manifest one trace of what I call Southern Californian Esotericism . . . I suppose you know of the flaming red cone seen over Wilmington, Ohio ... and D.B. of Houston wrote me that he saw an orange light, mag.0.2, over 1 min. in dia., which slowed down, speeded up, changed direction etc., covered 60 deg. in 100 sec." (J.P.B., Penna. C/ RR)

(Mr. JPB is all for us, and our short quote does not do his opinions justice. But we take this occasion to say, let us not be intimidated by words, by terms and their connotations. It makes no difference whether a phenomenon is styled psychic and occult and esoteric, or 'scientific'; we want to verify it and find out everything we can about it. There are thousands of facts with which scientism, or official and 'orthodox' science cannot or will not deal; but so-called esoteric knowledge has recognized them for centuries and has much to say about them. The neo-science of the imminent future will examine everything, disdain nothing. And it is NOT ENOUGH TO VERIFY AND DESCRIBE. A fact is useless until it integrates with others and gains significance. The 'occult' becomes the known, the esoteric becomes exoteric - and this is the progress of knowl - edge. But the tyranny of words and their connotations is very great).

Fall of a large flaming object, seen over Arizona, Oct. 14; perhaps a meteor, but as usual of late, no traces. (Lewiston, Ida. Tribune).

"Flying disc business shows no sign of fading out .. Col. C.H. Welch, public relations officer for air command, wants the public to know the army is investigating, and that there is nothing going on the army doesn't know about" (Three rah's and a tiger!!). "Asked about the results of the investigation of a recent dog-fight with a disc, the colonel said, "Nothing to report"... The colonel said reports of flying objects are received daily and are followed up by investigators" (Idahonian, Moscow, Ida. Oct.5. Clips from Mrs T.V. Ida. C/ RR.)

Mrs. T.V. also writes: "I have taken the root-sound MAUR" (v. RR iv-8, p.28) through the dictionary and the American Encyclopedia - and a very amazing picture it gives. Shall get it typed soon and pass it along."

Contributing editor David Dagmar sends us a clip of a Washington AP release of October 18, '48 - the gist of which is, that the Smithsonian Institute would like to know how a 1164 lb. meteorite could hit the earth, with a presumed estimated force of at least 20,000,000 ft. lbs., yet produce no crater, but be found lying on top of the ground with no marks of impact (discovered in Utah in 1944). The curiosity shown by this dignified institution comes a bit late, for the phenomenon has often been noted. The present writer published an entire page of such incidents, in RR I-4, May 1945, pp 7-8 - and may reprint it. But don't bother to send it along to the Smithsonian (X - genuflection, please!), for these gentlemen (as is alleged of some Bostonians) 'speak only to God' - who doubtless knows better than to answer them back! We hope Associate Dagmar will have comments on this, for RR; and we would also like to have Associate Roger Graham take up the tale. The Fortean Society also has considerable data - probably marked 'aint it wonderful!' and filed in pigeonhole M. "Qui ambulat in tenebris ..."

Efforts by this editor and by several correspondents to find out something about URGA mss., lately trumpeted by Psychic Observer, have so far been unrewarded. Any authentic data would be greatly appreciated. Supposed headquarters are in Vancouver, B.C.

ON THE HEARING AND TESTING OF VOICES

by

B. F. Greenlee

A recent magazine survey shows that about one person in every seven admits to hearing voices which have no visible source. In my estimation, this is a low figure, as many people contacted by a stranger would hesitate to admit what is usually regarded as hallucination. Yet nearly all of us hear such voices at one time or another. Their sources run the gamut from the angelic regions to the lowest larvae of the astral plane. Possibly the oldest reference we have to a beneficent voice is to be found in the writings of Socrates, who often refers to his 'Daimon,' whose counsels were counsels of perfection.

Napoleon, also, was sometimes advised by a voice, and when he adhered to the voice's advice, found that advice to be good.

Biblical references to such voices from the unseen are, of course, numerous.

Probably the most common occurrence for most people is hearing one's name called when no one is present. Some psychologists think that these voices arise in one's own subconsciousness, but this concept, in my opinion, has no basis in fact. While we do have many promptings from the subconscious, its language is seldom audible. In speaking to us, or rather, in communicating with us, our subconsciousness employs the language of feeling. Thus, we feel that such and such is so, or that something is true, or not true -- but this feeling seldom takes on audible expression.

What, then, is the source of these voices? Let us look for the answer in what many consider a highly authoritative book, Oahspe, written through the mediumship of Dr. John Newbrough, in 1881. In this book we are told that there are more than sixty-one thousand million spirits in the lowest heaven, and that these spirits are wanderers on the face of the earth. And of all these spirits, not one is above grade five. As Oahspe grades us in percentages of selfishness, a spirit not above grade five would be one that spent more than 95% of its efforts and thoughts solely on itself.

It should be remembered, too, that Oahspe was written in 1881, and since that time we have gone through two world wars which have added many millions more to the population of the lower heavens. Many of these war casualties have passed over with their hearts full of hatred for the people against whom they waged war. Death made no change in their emotions.

Also, it is unfortunate but true that the thieves, murderers, drunkards, dope addicts and the generally unsavory are 'earthbound' after death, and are in our midst and ever seeking to influence us in undesirable ways. But the Creator has endowed us with protection against them. Our first line of defence is our aura. A strong, healthful aura cannot be penetrated by these low-grade entities. It is actually painful to them to get too close to a person whose aura is strong and of a high vibratory rate. It is equivalent to our walking into a flame. But the person whose aura is weak or which has gaps and rents in it is easily accessible.

Most psychics and mediums have an aura which was damaged from birth, or which has been damaged or weakened intentionally.

A high-grade spirit whose vibratory rate is equal to or higher than our own can approach us without harm to itself -- and it will never seek to influence us except for good.

If you are unfortunate enough to hear voices which use bad language or which tell you to do things which you know will injure yourself or other people, what can you do about it?

First, you can start building up your aura by eating magnetic foods. All animal flesh is magnetic. The wild animal, such as the rabbit, squirrel, deer, etc., is more magnetic than the domestic animal. All vegetables which develop above the ground are magnetic; all vegetables -- such as the potato, carrot, etc.-- which develop below the ground, are not magnetic.

Second, if bothered much by these voices of evil, seek a spiritual healer whose passes can help to repair a torn aura. Third, go to Jehovah in prayer, and ask that you be given some Indian guides to protect you. The debt which most of us owe to these strong, fearless Redmen in protecting us from evil entities, is greater than many of us realize.

And, lastly, you can raise your own vibratory rate by every thought and act in your life. And remember, your thoughts play as large a part in raising your basic vibratory rate as your actions. As you give more thought to the welfare and comfort of others, by that much does your own vibratory rate increase. Those of you who are now bothered by evil voices may find that as your vibratory rate increases you are advised by good voices to your benefit.

The test of whether a voice is good or bad is infallible: a good spirit will never tell you to harm any living thing in any way whatsoever.

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THE PERSONALITY OF MAN *

Reviewed by P. J. Rasch

When a president of the English Society for Psychical Research publishes a book, one expects that it will be something worth-while. The reader will not be disappointed in G. N. M. Tyrrell's The Personality of Man. Published by Pelican Books at the price of one shilling and sixpence -- about 32¢ -- it offers an unequalled value for the general reader. True, the discussion of the mathematical theories of chance, as well as certain other minor details, have been criticized by Martha Kneale, but the points raised do not affect the value of the book for the lay reader interested in psychical research, and Tyrrell makes no pretense that it is a manual for the advanced student.

Tyrrell says that his aim is "to acquaint the general reader with certain evidence concerning the human personality and to suggest an outline of its significance" and "to point out some neglected sources of information to the research student." He begins by discussing the subliminal self, genius and mysticism, proceeds to a discussion of psychical research, and ends by considering attitudes toward and the significance of psychical research. To cover such a vast field he has been forced to make his chapters very brief. Discussions of such phenomena as fire-walking are omitted, and he only hints at such matters as the importance of Rhine's statistical studies in forcing reluctant scientists to face up to the issues involved. However, original sources are listed for the cases described, and a bibliography is included. The reader should have no difficulty in following up subjects which he finds of particular interest. The style is very readable, and perhaps the book will find its greatest service lies in interesting the casual reader in psychical research and guiding him to more detailed information.

Tyrrell argues that psychical phenomena show the existence of a non-temporal, non-spacial elsewhere, and that the personality of man is the connection between our physical world and this elsewhere. So far as religion is concerned, psychical research's greatest significance lies in affording proof of a future -- tho' not necessarily religious -- life. Religion and philosophy have alike proved unable to stem the tide of scientific materialism, and if materialism is true, human life is not fundamentally worth living. Psychical research, says Tyrrell, is the only power which gives promise of offsetting materialism.

Most of us would probably agree with this analysis, but it is somewhat surprising to find the author then deducing that, as Christianity is interested in preparing people for life on a higher plane, the Church should have no interest in the improvement of social conditions upon this earth. He argues that achievement of an earthly paradise would result in unbearable tedium. Few of us would agree that there is any likelihood of such a paradise being established, or that we should discontinue our efforts at social improvement because of the danger that there might be.

* THE PERSONALITY OF MAN, G. N. M. Tyrrell, Pelican Books, West Drayton, Middlesex, England, -/1/6.

DOCTRINE OF THE COMMUNICATORS

Trance Mediumship of Mark Probert (San Diego, Calif. Oct.'48)

CONTROL: ARAKASHI:

(Question: Why is it that some people - many people, I think - practise meditation regularly and earnestly for years, yet never seem to make any progress, to gain any enlightenment or instructive experiences. Is there some level of the human psyche which inhibits all such efforts?)

Arakashi: What you conjecture is true. They desire attainment, but there is a part of the self which does not desire it. That is because of fear.

(Q. Because of fear? What is it that is feared?)

Arakashi: It is the Unknown that is feared.

Q) (But why? Why should not the Unknown inspire eager and probing curiosity?)

All separate existence seeks to maintain itself in separateness. In the presence of the Unknown it fears a threat to its self-being, to its integration as a unit of existence. Even the single cell fears the Unknown. Even the atom fears it. The creative process has been one of individuation. The individualized entity, atom or man alike, feels the Unknown as negation, as Chaos - therefore it fears. On all planes this is true. Therefore desire and effort of the brain consciousness are often thwarted. There is no remedy for this fear save knowledge and the confidence which arises from it; yet the fear inhibits the attainment of knowledge, and this is the sad dilemma of man.

Q) (It was Hodgson, I think, who said that he 'could hardly wait to die'. That was was because he hoped to find, in your world, the answer to the mysteries he could not fathom here).

But he could have fathomed them here. Though all knowledge is relative, and all is opinion, yet the fathoming of mysteries as you call it is as possible on your plane of existence as on any other. This is done by the expansion of awareness, the extension and control of consciousness, by aspiration, desire, will, effort. That which hinders is ignorance, and preoccupation with your small affairs, and the lack of desire. And though desire and effort exist, fear may cut you off from new knowledge - a fear deep within what you call the subconscious - and this is true on our level of existence also.

Q) (It is cold comfort, to know that we are Gods-in-embryo, yet remain unable to use the smallest of such God-like powers. You give us words of wisdom, yet the great ones of all ages have spoken in a similar manner. There is no lack of wisdom in the world, or even of knowledge, but why do they remain so nearly useless to us?).

I have answered you according to my poor opinion.

Q) Chaos is at war with Order, and the Known with the Unknown. Tell us, Arakashi - in your philosophy, when the Mavantara ends, when the Day of Brahm is ended, does all individual being end also? Or is that a no-question, unanswerable and without logic?)

It is a proper question and not without logic, but its implications are too great. In the book we are dictating to this boy (Mark P.) we shall perhaps touch upon it. Now I shall leave you. The blessings of my God and of your God be upon you!

The paragraphs above are condensed portions of nearly an hour of talk by this communicator. The verbatim record will be available in later issues of the Seance Memoranda - seven numbers hf which have so far appeared.

MATERIALIZATION:

Changes in normal size: Many reports have included the appearance of materialized forms which were either larger or smaller than it is to be supposed the living person had been. This is similar to the phenomena of elongation of the living mediums at seances, in which the body has been seen to become longer by as much as two feet. (The Kahunas believed that the shadowy body of a thing could be made larger or smaller).

Mme. Bisson studied a naked female figure not more than eight inches tall which repeatedly materialized, often with a change of hair arrangement, dancing and performing gymnastic exercises. It even stood on Mme. Bisson's hand some of the time, but usually on the hand of the medium, Eva.

In the sittings of Mme. Ignath small heads the size of walnuts and very beautiful, materialized in glasses of water. The spirit control, Nona, gave the opinion that they were materialized plastic thought-forms. Partial materializations such as heads and hands have often been seen to be only a fraction of normal size.

Materialized clothing: Very few of the temporarily materialized spirits have come without clothing. Harry Price .. in a recent book tells of the periodic materialization of a little girl unclothed, in dark seances held by her mother and a few friends. Price found the bare little body warm, solid, and of normal weight in his hands. The child spoke a few words in answer to a question. The floor of the room had been sprinkled with white powder and the openings sealed ... no foot prints crossed the floor, satisfying Price of the genuineness of the materialization.

On the other hand, spirits clothe themselves in materials ranging from misty gray vapors to cloth so solid that pieces of it have been repeatedly cut off by investigators ... it is nearly always lighter and finer than ordinarily would be the case. Sylvan J. Muldoon ... writes of once seeing clothing forming itself around his astral body when it had left the physical body but a few feet. The clothing was identical to that on his living body on the bed.

Not only do the bodies of mediums dematerialize partly or completely on occasion, but sometimes their clothing also vanishes for the time being - though at other times it is left behind. Usually the cloth materialized at a seance remains white, even if the vanishing clothing of the medium is black ... The spirit Katie King (of Crookes' seances) often allowed the fabric of her clothing to be examined. Sometimes she cut as many as a dozen pieces from the bottom of her skirt and handed them to sitters to be examined. The holes in her skirt immediately closed up as the sitters watched. Most of this fabric vanished when the form dematerialized, but a few pieces were rendered enduring, in which case similar holes were found cut in the skirt of the medium after the seance ended, tending to show that the material of her skirt had been borrowed for materialization purposes, and that it was not returned when pieces were rendered permanent.

It must be noted that the fabric of the ghostly garment was not like that of the skirt in which a hole had been left. It is thus seen that it is possible to transform matter, changing one thing to another, and rendering the changed part permanent - as must be done in instant healing if the kahuna theory is correct. ..

NOTE: The above paragraphs are quoted from THE SECRET SCIENCE BEHIND MIRACLES, by Max Freedom Long, founder of the Huna Research Associates (p.213 ff) - and leading authority on the Polynesian psycho-religious system. This 400-page book (issued 1948) is not only fascinating reading, but breaks new ground in the theory and methods of western psychic and mental healing. Many study groups have been formed, and very noteworthy results are reported. SECRET SCIENCE is published by the Kosmon Press, at 2208 W. 11th St. Los Angeles, Calif., at $4.00.

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